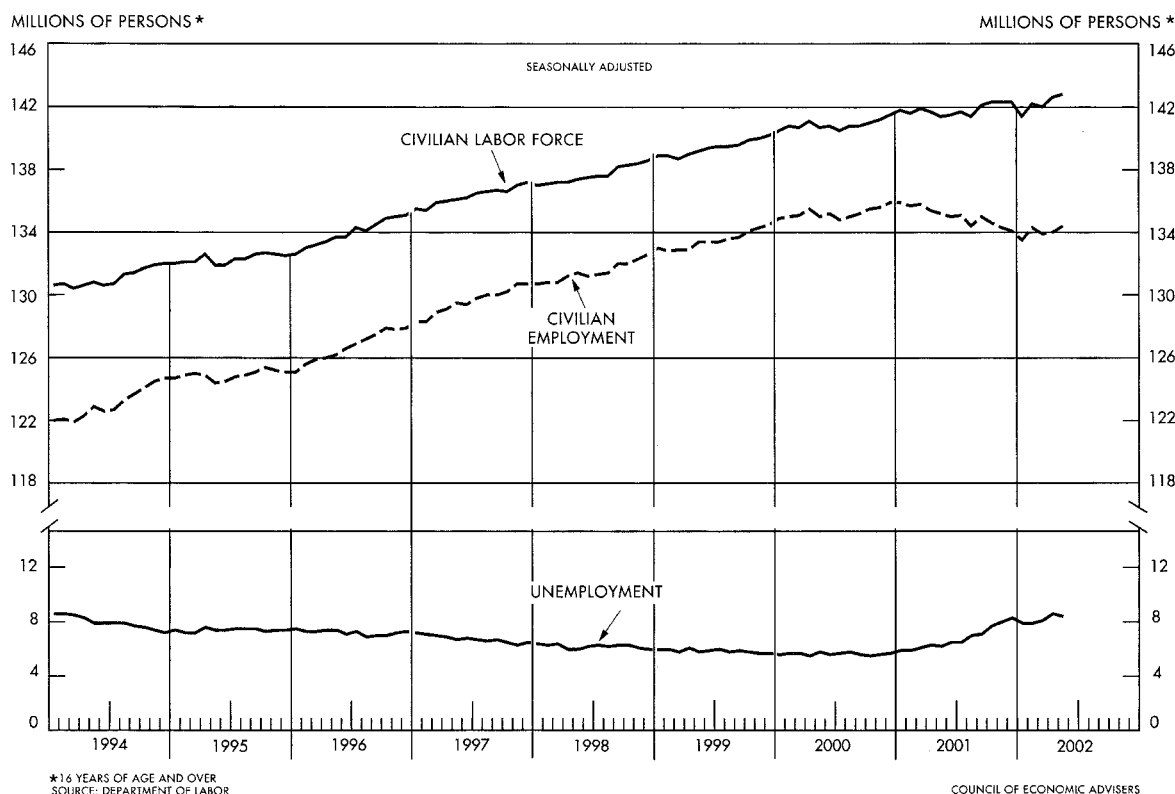


# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In May, employment rose by 441,000, and unemployment fell by 243,000.



[Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted except as noted by NSA]

Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment		Not in labor force	Percent <sup>2</sup>		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over		Labor force participation rate	Employment/ population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons <sup>1</sup>						
1992 .....	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
1993 .....	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	6,230	8,940	3,094	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 <sup>3</sup> .....	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995 .....	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	4,279	7,404	2,363	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996 .....	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 <sup>4</sup> .....	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 <sup>4</sup> .....	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,085	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 <sup>4</sup> .....	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	3,189	5,880	1,480	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 <sup>4</sup> .....	209,699	140,863	135,208	3,305	131,903	3,045	5,655	1,309	68,836	67.2	64.5	4.0
2001 .....	211,864	141,815	135,073	3,144	131,929	3,529	6,742	1,746	70,050	66.9	63.8	4.8
2001: May .....	211,525	141,445	135,235	3,193	132,042	3,231	6,210	1,503	70,080	66.9	63.9	4.4
June .....	211,725	141,468	135,003	3,044	131,959	3,556	6,465	1,571	70,257	66.8	63.8	4.6
July .....	211,921	141,651	135,106	3,055	132,051	3,425	6,545	1,630	70,270	66.8	63.8	4.6
Aug .....	212,135	141,380	134,408	3,126	131,282	3,246	6,972	1,798	70,755	66.6	63.4	4.9
Sept .....	212,357	142,068	135,004	3,181	131,823	4,015	7,064	1,907	70,289	66.9	63.6	5.0
Oct .....	212,581	142,280	134,615	3,203	131,412	4,222	7,665	2,042	70,301	66.9	63.3	5.4
Nov .....	212,767	142,279	134,253	3,154	131,099	4,017	8,026	2,317	70,488	66.9	63.1	5.6
Dec .....	212,927	142,314	134,055	3,246	130,809	4,119	8,259	2,410	70,613	66.8	63.0	5.8
2002: Jan .....	213,089	141,390	133,468	3,273	130,195	3,781	7,922	2,546	71,699	66.4	62.6	5.6
Feb .....	213,206	142,211	134,319	3,246	131,073	3,998	7,891	2,561	70,995	66.7	63.0	5.5
Mar .....	213,334	142,005	133,894	3,126	130,768	3,848	8,111	2,688	71,329	66.6	62.8	5.7
Apr .....	213,492	142,570	133,976	3,154	130,823	4,009	8,594	2,854	70,922	66.8	62.8	6.0
May .....	213,658	142,769	134,417	3,097	131,320	3,818	8,351	2,952	70,889	66.8	62.9	5.8

<sup>1</sup> Persons at work. Economic reasons include slack work, material shortages, inability to find fulltime work, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

<sup>3</sup> Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods because of a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

<sup>4</sup> Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.